



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – February 6, 2019 Agenda Item 2

Voting Session

Resolution Adopting the 2018 Emergency Operations Plan (This resolution was rescheduled from January 30 to February 6 to enable the City Council to hear a presentation on the Plan before voting on adoption.)

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution.

Context with Key Issues

The Emergency Operations Plan defines actions to be taken by the City in the event of a significant disaster or emergency. The City's plan works in coordination with County, State, and federal agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations. The last plan was adopted by the City Council in 2010.

The Plan is dated 2018 because the update occurred last year, but was completed too late in the year to be adopted by the Council.

The Plan:

- Provides a framework that will assist in reducing the loss of life and property of City of Takoma Park residents due to natural or man-made disasters.
- Establishes the legal and organizational basis for emergency operations in the City of Takoma Park, in response to natural or man-made disasters or emergencies of significant impact.
- Applies to City departments and partner organizations that have identified roles and responsibilities within the EOP.
- Applies to all the risks identified in the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Assigns emergency roles and responsibilities to City departments and partner organizations and agencies.
- Establishes the concept of operations for managing emergencies and disasters within the City by mobilizing resources available from City departments, partner organizations and agencies, the private sector, and County, State and Federal entities as necessary.
- Provides a framework for implementing the City's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Montgomery County and transitioning command and control for emergency response to the County, as appropriate.

- Provides an outline to expedite the recovery process from disasters and emergencies by providing planning for the rapid and orderly restoration of critical infrastructure and essential services.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

In Takoma Park, events most likely to create emergency situations are weather-related. Climate change brings increased likelihood of severe storms and flooding.

Fiscal Considerations

The City budgets for emergency operations planning.

Racial Equity Considerations

The Plan is intended to ensure that essential services are maintained or resumed as quickly as possible during and after emergencies. It is important to reach out to residents in all parts of the City to encourage preparedness, communicate emergency information, and inform residents about how to request assistance in emergencies.

Attachments and Links

- Draft Resolution Adopting the 2018 Emergency Operations Plan
- 2018 Emergency Operations Plan

Introduced by:

City of Takoma Park, Maryland

**Resolution 2019-
Adopting the 2018 Emergency Operations Plan**

WHEREAS, the City Council may adopt ordinances, resolutions, and policies for the protection and preservation of the City's property, rights, and privileges; for the preservation of peace and good order; for securing persons and property from violence, danger, or destruction; and for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, comfort, convenience, welfare, and happiness of the residents of and visitors in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters affecting the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park Emergency Operations Plan is an all-hazards plan that establishes a single, comprehensive framework for the management of major emergencies and disasters within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Plan establishes the overall roles and responsibilities for emergency operations, in conjunction with Montgomery County and other agencies and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Plan fulfills the State of Maryland's requirement for each political jurisdiction to prepare and keep current plans to respond to disasters or large-scale emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the plan has been approved by the City Manager and agreed to by the Deputy City Manager and all department heads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK THAT the 2018 Emergency Operations Plan is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager or her designee shall maintain and revise as necessary this Emergency Operations Plan over the next five-year period or until such time as a new Plan is prepared.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2019.